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1. Between 18 July and 2 August 1954, the military installations in Cottbus were occupied as follows:

Loens Kaserne (3083): about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Occasionally, up to 5 T-34/85 were seen at training.

Dissenchen Kaserne (3081): about 300 to 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia.

Sachsendorf Kaserne (3082): about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia. The unit furnished guard personnel at the post.

Alvensleben Kaserne (3084): small rear detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

2. On 5 August, only guard details were quartered in the Panzer Kaserne (3341) and former insane asylum (3343) in Luebben.

3. Between 20 and 31 July, the Neue Kaserne south of Camp Zossen was still occupied by about 1,000 to 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. The 18 type JS-3 tanks previously seen were still there. Several T-34/85 tanks were also seen. On 26 July, about 20 sidecar motorcycles moved into the installation. Prior to 8 August, the occupation increased and reached about 2,000 men. Troops engaged in training with 6 to 8 light mortars, light machine guns and telephone equipment. Tanks were repeatedly seen driving to the training area south of the Zehmsendorf-Toepchin road.

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4. Between 18 July and 2 August, the Drachhausen Kaserne still quartered an estimated 2,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia. About 30 T-34/35 tanks were seen at the installation. Twenty or more tanks repeatedly practiced together with infantry at the training grounds. They also conducted firing practices with tank guns and tank machine guns.

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5. Up to 2 August, Camp Schoenhoehe at Forst Tauer training grounds was still occupied by troops from Cottbus.

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6. Between 4 July and 13 August, the quarters at Jueterbog-Damm (3203) were still occupied by about 2,000 men. Individual units left the installation almost daily for short-term exercises in the vicinity.

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7. On 4 August, the quarters in Wittenberg were occupied as follows:

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Engelshausen Kaserne (3534): only a small guard detail; the garages were vacant.

Flak Kaserne (3582): lightly occupied. A building was under construction in the south section. It measured about 18 x 12 meters.

Trachhauser Kaserne (3531): about 100 to 200 men wearing either red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered red epaulets.

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Quarters in the Irado Plant (3582): occupied to capacity by about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or motor transport insignia. Soldiers engaged in maintenance duty on 5 T-34/35 tanks and 25 to 30 motor vehicles.

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8. Between 21 July and 10 August, the military quarters in Wittenberg were occupied only by rear details. The units with tanks and vehicles were at the summer camp Markendorf near Jueterbog.³

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9. On 5 August, the Gneisenau Kaserne (3621) in Zerbst was only lightly occupied. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and motor transport insignia were at the gate.

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10. From 1100 up to 1800 on 31 July, driving practices were held on the drill grounds west of Dessau airfield by troops from the Kaserne Kochstedt (3241). The soldiers practiced with 6 trucks each of which towed a 37-mm AA gun and with 3 trucks, each of which towed a 76-mm AA gun.

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11. On 2 August, a large part of the engineer camp on the north side of the Dessau-Anon was in the woods south of the road. The area north of the road was still very swampy. Ten to twelve trucks carrying a

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1,000-liter container each left the new camp for the service station in the former Junker Plant and returned to the camp later.⁵

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1. Comment. The bulk of the units of the 9th Mech Div is believed to have been at Schoenhoehe training grounds and in the kaserne of Drachhausen in early August. Although the JS-3 tanks do not belong to the 70th Mech Regt of the division but possibly to the 80th Gds Hvy. tank SP Regt, major contingents of the 70th Mech Regt are thought to be in the Neue Kaserne south of Zossen. 25X1
2. Comment. The 14th Gds Mech Div, the 47th Gds Mech Regt and the 2497th AAA Regt are still located in Jueterbog-Damm. The weapons possibly confirm the AAA regiment there up to 4 August. 25X1
3. Comment. The statement in paragraph 8 that units from Wittenberg are stationed in Camp Werder-Markendorf is to some extent confirmed. Beside the unidentified tank training battalion, the unidentified motor transport battalion of the 6th Gds Tank Div is stationed in the Arado Plant in Wittenberg. 25X1
4. Comment. A medium tank regiment, presumably the 56th Gds Tank Regt, and the 287th Gds AAA Regt, both of the 7th Gds Tank Div, are located in Zerbst. Except for rear details, both units were still in the south sector of Letzling Heath in early August. 25X1
5. Comment. Other information indicated that only elements of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG are quartered in the new camp south of the road. The 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSFG, which was previously stationed in the area southeast of Rossau, has again been stationed in Magdeburg since early August. The engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army, which had been identified in the area east of Aken up to July, were apparently transferred to their Thuringian billeting areas between 21 and 28 July. 25X1

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